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JERSEY CITY IS OPEN



We are excited to continue the reopening of businesses across Jersey City . As per Governor Murphy's [executive order number 150](#) and Mayor Fulop's [Executive order 2020-007](#), effective 8:00AM on June 15 the City of Jersey City will permit [sidewalk cafes](#) and other outdoor seating at restaurants with the following additional rules and limitations:

- Any business seeking to utilize outdoor space for restaurant use, even if that business has or has had a sidewalk cafe license previously, must fill out the [Sidewalk Café application form](#)
- All fees are waived until further notice
- Sidewalk cafe licenses will be automatically and conditionally approved upon submission, meaning businesses do not have to wait for an inspection or review before opening on June 15
- The City will be reviewing all applications over the coming weeks and months to ensure safety and compliance, particularly with social distancing protocols
- **Partitions are required** around the outside of the sidewalk café in accordance with standard [Sidewalk Café regulations](#)
- The **hours of operation of sidewalk cafés** shall be:
 - Sunday through Wednesday: 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
 - Thursday: 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM
 - Friday and Saturday: 8:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight
- Seating in any outdoor space must be **6 feet apart** in all directions
- **Smoking is prohibited** in any outdoor space
- **Face coverings are required** for any patrons or employees inside premises
- We will allow sidewalk cafes to expand beyond the normal boundaries and limits set forth in the regular sidewalk cafe rules and regulations, including:
 - Use of **parking spaces** directly in front of the business
 - **adjacent sidewalk areas** not already in use by other businesses
 - Areas with **Pedestrian Malls**/other temporary street closures (up to 18 feet from the curb)
- ADA rules still apply, specifically that a café must also **provide 5 feet of clearance** for access
- Sidewalk cafes do not have to be contiguous with the front of the store and we are no longer limiting the amount of sidewalk that can be used, except for the ADA clearance described above
- **Tents and other overhead coverings are permitted** but sidewalk cafes may not be enclosed on the sides at this time
- **Backyards are permitted** to be used with similar rules as sidewalk cafes

We are working to be as supportive as possible with all Jersey City businesses. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

